

Remarks

Claims 1-6 and 9-14 have been canceled, and claims 7-8 and 15-16 are pending.


This patent application is a divisional application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/846,749 filed on April 30, 2001. During the prosecution of such parent patent application, the Examiner therein had identified 5 species and issued a restriction requirement. Election in that parent case was made to species II, corresponding to Figure 6.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute those claims directed to the previously identified species IV and V (corresponding to Figs. 8 and 9, respectively) in the above-identified parent application and has amended the claims accordingly.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims, namely claims 7-8 and 15-16, are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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